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**REMARKS**

Claims 9, 10, and 14 are now pending in this case.

**Priority**

Reference to the prior application was previously submitted within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a), but not in the first sentences of the specification as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a), and the information concerning the benefit was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the first filing receipt. The first sentences of the specification have been amended to reference the prior application. No new matter is added.

**Claims**

Claims 9, 10, and 14 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,791 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,105,676. The enclosed

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terminal disclaimer overcomes this rejection, and it is now rendered moot and claims 9, 10, and 14 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Examiner's thorough and thoughtful consideration of this application is sincerely appreciated in advance.

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